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Leisure Village West Association

Board of Trustees Meeting- May 6, 2020

Zoom Conference

Present were President – Louis Maiocco, Vice President – Charles Lupo, Treasurer – Eugene Murphy, Secretary – Fay Weinstein, Assistant Treasurer – Al DAMato, Assistant Secretary – S. Falk-Zitelli and Trustee – Salvatore Tozzi. Also present were Community Manager – Joseph Schultz, Service Manager – Jim Snyder and Accounting Manager – Michelle O’Connor. Absent was Recreation Director – Mary Lighthipe.

This meeting commenced at approximately 7:05 PM.

ITEMS VOTED ON: (continued on page 3)

F. Weinstein moved to waive the reading of the minutes. S. Falk-Zitelli seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

F. Weinstein moved to approve the April 1, 2020 minutes. A.DAMato seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: There were no reports given due to the Committees not meeting.

RECREATION REPORT: There was no report due to no activities taking place during the Coronavirus pandemic.

COMMUNITY MANAGER REPORT:

J. Schultz gave an update on the following: He stated that last year the Association signed a two-year rate endorsement, and that turned out to be prudent as the market has tightened up considerably. The Association was fortunate that the insurance premium only went up a little less than four percent as governed by the rate endorsement. However, still faced two additional problems, with the first being the liability umbrella. Our package insurance carrier, Philadelphia Insurance, was reluctant to write liability umbrellas higher than \$10 million. With a tight market, it was difficult to find other carriers to pick up the remaining \$15 million of what we previously had, a full \$25 million worth of a liability umbrella. This did come down to the wire, but were successful in obtaining full coverage from three different carriers, with only a slight increase over expiring dollars. Another issue, that had to be tackled this year and is mandated by the Bylaws to ensure the common buildings and the units to the maximum insurable values. With the values of the units increasing over the years, requires the Association to increase those limits, so this year the Association secured an additional 40 million worth of coverage raising the collectible number to just over 511 million. This was a necessary and mandated purchase with an increase in premium of nearly \$60,000. Fortunately, the Association anticipated most of this total premium increase of approximately \$112,000 over expiring, so the net effect on the budget won't be nearly as severe. Lastly, we entered into another two-year rate endorsement, which again seems wise, given the current state of the world.

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The Board has received several emails requesting a reduction in maintenance fees since some services and/or activities are not available to residents during this pandemic. The Board understands and cannot issue any reduction in maintenance at this time due to several items being budgeted and still being paid such as insurance, guard services, etc. Since some items budgeted may see a decrease/savings, residents may see this reflected in the following year's budget.

In regards to the workforce, he mentioned that they are ramping up services sensibly wherever possible, alternating start times and workdays for some. Basically, there are three teams of employees on different days to protect, as best as possible, the workforce from affecting workflow should someone test positive to limit how many would have to be isolated. All calls are routed to homes of the staff who have the ability to work from home. The administration staff is communicating in a group chat where everyone can assist, ensuring the business of the Association continues enforce. The maintenance staff has been outstanding, and helping in every way possible, volunteering for difficult jobs.

Next month, kicks off the annual Election of trustees with the call for nominations. With three potential openings on the Board, he asked that residents step up and run for office. For the election process itself, assuming, meeting in groups may not be possible during the span of our election process, some modifications will need to be made this year. The most substantial change will be for the candidates' forum and the meet and greets. For these events, they will have to be conducted over some virtual meeting programs like Zoom or similar. They will still be broadcast live over the community channels, but questions may come through other media, including email, letters, or possibly other live communication methods. These items will be ironed out over the next couple of weeks to be sure. Secondly, the election will only be conducted via paper ballot; voting machines will not be utilized. Currently, the plan will still allow for anonymous voting on the business day prior to and at the Annual Meeting of Members, otherwise known as Election Day. Again the exact nuances of that will be announced.

J. Snyder gave an update for the Maintenance Department. He stated that five-foot area inspections will begin in June. Residents are asked to not place their garbage at the curb. Recycling will not be picked up if it is in a plastic bag. Residents must use a reusable container. The Grounds Department as well as the other departments are staggering their shifts. They are continuing to mow the lawns and are currently in the Sheffield area. Weed whacking has begun. The seasonal crew has begun working for this season. The tree program has begun with the delivery and installation of the Ornamental Pears, the remainder of the trees will be delivered next week with installation to follow. The seasonal flowers were delayed a week due to the weather. Insect service requests are being taken and power washing will be resuming shortly. The Azek project is still ongoing; it has been slowed but uninterrupted. Appliance and in-house emergencies are being taken care of daily. Outside house maintenance work is still being completed. The 2020 roofing project has begun. The exterior of Club Encore has been painted. The shuffleboard courts at Club Encore have been cleaned up. The siding and trimming painting is underway.

The Recreation Department is still cleaning and sanitizing all Clubhouses and Association buildings as per the CDC guidelines. The Maintenance employees' temperatures are checked every morning and all employees are wearing masks/gloves. The pools are running and Residents will be updated on the opening of the pools when the Governor provides the guidelines.

The unfinished business is deferred until regular open meetings are resumed and residents are able to participate in discussion.

There was no new business.

Although not part of the business portion of the meeting, some emails that were sent to the Board were addressed such as the CDC guidelines for masks and testing, visitors on Mother's Day and testing in the Village for residents, which the Board has looked into and has opted not to participate in.

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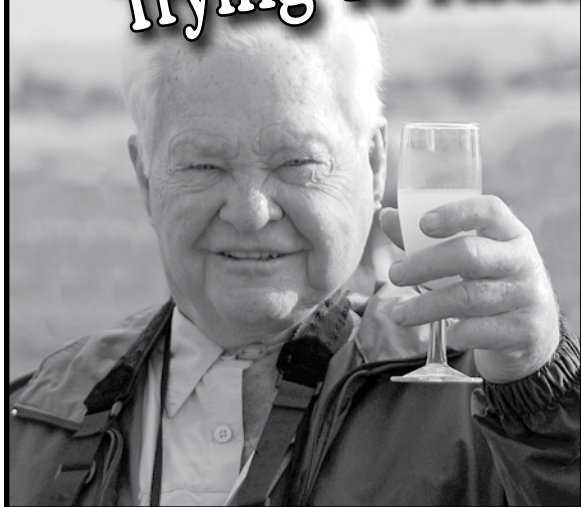
J. Schultz presented the temporary resolution relating to re-opening the Golf Courses. The Governor has signed Executive Order No. 133 which provides that public and private golf courses may reopen as long as certain procedures consistent with the executive orders set forth in the temporary resolution are enacted and followed. After discussion, S. Tozzi moved to amend the temporary resolution to state that the Associations golf courses reopen to Association Residents only (not only Golf Club Members and not to allow Guests). E. Murphy seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. F. Weinstein then moved to accept the temporary resolution relating to the re-opening of the Golf Courses. C. Lupo seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. The Board also agreed to open only the Willow Golf Course and have all residents that chose to sign up for a tee-time agree to sign a waiver.

Currently, all other outdoor activities including fishing at the pond are prohibited until further notice. The Board will discuss the openings of outdoor activities when guidelines are provided from the Governor.

The next open Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 3, 2020 at 1:00 PM via Zoom conference.

There being no further business, the Board meeting adjourned at approximately 7:51 PM.

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2021 BUDGET

Dear Fellow Unit Owners:

We cordially invite you to participate in the general meeting of unit owners that will be held at **1:00 pm on Wednesday, July 22, 2020**. At the meeting, we will present the budget for next year. Please email any budget-related questions to budget@lvwa.net by Monday, July 20, 2020. A live broadcast will be shown on Channel 1974. The meeting will also be recorded and played at a later time.

The proposed budget reflects a \$5.00 increase per unit per month. This increase is necessary to maintain the level of services and protect the common elements of our community and is being applied to the budget as follows:

Reserve Fund Budget Change	\$ 3.95
Operating Fund Budget Increase	<u>1.05</u>
Increase Per Unit Per Month	<u>\$ 5.00</u>

The notable increases to the budget are as follows:

- Increase of \$63,000 to the Common Buildings reserve fund, due to the age of the common facilities in the Village and the need to protect the common elements and unit values, and to continue to restore the funding of this account to the appropriate level.
- Increase of \$30,000 to the reserve funds to gradually reduce variable funding to the PVC trim project.
- Increase of \$25,000 to the Equipment Replacement Fund to restore funding to the appropriate level.
- Increase of \$155,900 to Payroll, Payroll Taxes, and Union Health Insurance due in large part to minimum wage increases and union-negotiated items.

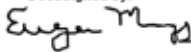
The first payment for the new fiscal year is due October 1, 2020. Maintenance payments paid in full for the fiscal year **and** by the October 2020 due date will be eligible for a 2% refund. The refund will apply to payments made by cash or check only. Please deduct the 2% refund from your payment. Call the Association office at 732-657-9595 for assistance in calculating the amount of your payment in full.

LVWA also offers an automatic payment plan for the payment of your monthly maintenance fees. **If you have not yet enrolled, simply fill out the attached "Authorization Agreement for Preauthorized Payments" on pg. 9 with the required information and deliver it to the Association office. We will withdraw your maintenance fees directly from your bank account on a monthly basis. If you have not signed up for automatic payments, your new monthly payment book will be mailed to you.**

Sincerely,

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 Louis Maiocco, President
 Board of Trustees

DocuSigned by:

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 Eugene Murphy, Treasurer
 Board of Trustees

959 BUCKINGHAM DRIVE, MANCHESTER, NEW JERSEY 08759

The budget for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2021 is posted on www.lvwcreeper.com. Copies may also be picked up at the Association office, Willow Hall or Club Encore.

Monthly Maintenance Fees by Model Type October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021

	One Occupant	Two Occupants	Three Occupants
MODEL:	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL
ETON	254.00	268.00	
GREENBRIAR	268.00	282.00	296.00
CAMBRIDGE	283.00	297.00	311.00
BARONET	296.00	310.00	324.00
WINFIELD	306.00	320.00	334.00
REGENCY	329.00	343.00	357.00
CONCORD	255.00	269.00	283.00
FALMOUTH	262.00	276.00	290.00
NANTUCKET	268.00	282.00	296.00
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HASTINGS	325.00	339.00	353.00
ROXY	301.00	315.00	329.00
SAVOY	313.00	327.00	341.00
RITZ	318.00	332.00	346.00
PICKFORD	319.00	333.00	347.00
WALDORF	332.00	346.00	360.00
VICTORIA	339.00	353.00	367.00



My husband, Bill Dunn, who was well known to many at LVW because of his impeccably manicured lawn, has passed to be home with the lord. The compliments and waves of passersby was always a source of great joy for him.

My family and I are so very thankful for the wonderful expressions of sympathy during this difficult time. My Bill was an amazing man in so many ways, and touched countless lives with his kindness and beautiful humanity.

As a result of the Coronavirus hospital restrictions, I was unable to be with Bill for the last seventeen days of his life. However, thanks to the compassionate nurses who cared for him, we were able to speak and facetime with him every day. It was also very comforting to receive a beautiful note from each of the nurses who cared for him.

God has now taken him to heaven, but we know how much he is loved and rests in peace.

*Sincerely,
Paula Dunn and Family*



**Did You Miss the
Board of Trustees
Meeting?**

If you missed the Board of Trustees meeting you can view the rebroadcast of the BOT meeting on channel 1974.

The broadcast airs Fridays after meetings at 10 am and 6 pm, and Saturday at 10 am.

Leisure Village West

2020 Open Board Of Trustee Meetings

July 1	1 pm	Channel 1974	
July 24	1 pm	Channel 1974	
August 5	7 pm	Willow Hall	
August 31	12:30 pm	Willow Hall	Annual Membership Meeting
September 2	1 pm	Willow Hall	
October 7	7 pm	Willow Hall	
November 4	1 pm	Willow Hall	
December 2	1 pm	Willow Hall	



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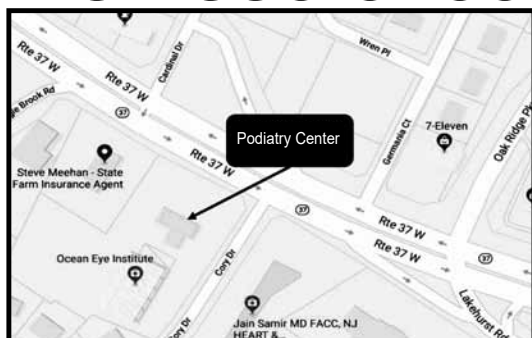


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A Thoughtful 4th of July to You

Sadly it may not be a traditional Happy 4th of July, but we all should be thankful for friends and our families. We may not all be together in a backyard barbeque or watching the fireworks display together, but that shouldn't stop us from celebrating. We've all had great times before, and we'll have them again. I understand there's a parade of cars scheduled to ride through the Village, honking their horn to bring cheer to everyone. That's precisely the spirit we need to lift the dampening overtones this crisis has caused. So cheers to you, and enjoy the day and go ahead, throw another shrimp on the barbie!

The Price We Pay

Writing an article about something you saw on the news, weeks before you read it is always imprecise, as news changes fast. That being said, on the news this morning, they talked about people thinking of moving out of NYC, due to the high rent they're paying, and the fact that everything is closed. Those same feelings resonate here too, and I'm sure it's similar to every community under the stay at home order.

Our community, just like the city that never sleeps, must go on. Like your expenses, the Village's expenses continue to mount. There's no respite from the costs we must pay to keep this community going, actually mandated by our governing documents. In condominium life, you often pay for things you may never use yourself, most of which are amenities; not everyone golfs or swims in the pool, for example.

The Board, all are residents too, paying the same maintenance fees you all are paying. They hear you, and they do understand your frustration of not getting the benefit of what you're paying for in these times when you cannot use the amenities. Your Board is working hard to bring us through these difficult times as effectively and safely as possible. Some costs have increased due to the pandemic, while some have eased. All of which will be reflected in our budgeting plans for the coming fiscal year. We all realize this is a small consolation for the loss of your use of the amenities, but as I noted, it's true of almost anywhere you live, reported by your local news.

Please try to temper your frustration and demands to open the amenities for another potentially costly situation. Covid-19 related issues are something for which insurance companies are expressing; there will be no coverage. So, what could that mean for you? A strong possibility of a special assessment that you all must pay. I'm sure no one would like a possible hefty bill like that to pay. So, please ease up on your Board members; they only have your best interest in mind.



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LVWA ELECTION – IMPORTANT UPDATES!

From the Election Committee

In the June issue of this magazine, the Election Committee summarized the expected events for the Election to the **Board of Trustees**; the Call for Nominations was mailed June 1, 2020, prior to learning some new information. In addition to the current pandemic roadblocks, the State Department of Consumer Affairs has (effective May 18, 2020) replaced some guidelines for elections with new regulations necessitating changes to our procedures. Most were tweaks to put us in compliance, including our timeline; the **Candidate Forum has been moved up to July 30**. All **ballots must now be anonymous**. The “how” to accomplish the various events is still tentative. Look for the possibility of using virtual teleconferencing, presentations on www.lvwcreeper.com and Fios Channel 1974. **Importantly, you need to know that unless at least 1347 ballots are received, we can’t proceed with an election.**

There are **(3) three vacancies** this year. The seven trustee representatives have the power and responsibility to manage the finances of Leisure Village West’s \$9+million budget. We elect them to represent our best interests in managing the community. So, don’t leave the future of Leisure Village West to “the other guy.” Every vote counts! If we don’t reach quorum by election day, the Election will be adjourned for 30 days while we urge anyone who hasn’t voted to do so – additional costs may be incurred.

- ☒ Most up-to-date information will be posted on Fios Ch. 1974 and lvwcreeper.com and by a One Call.
- ☒ **Nominations** close at 4 pm on July 1, 2020.
- ☒ **CHANGE!! Candidate Forum Friday, July 30, 2020**, at 1 pm (may be virtual).
- ☒ **ELECTION DAY** (Annual Meeting of the Members) - is 1:00 pm Monday, August 31, 2020. Details will be shared soon.

The regulation most affecting our Election is that all ballots must now be anonymous. Additionally, a Proxy will now be mailed along with your ballot should any owner wish to voluntarily allow a voter eligible tenant to cast a vote for their unit, which may be revoked at any time prior to the Election. Other regulation changes are mostly minor changes to the timeline and policy previously in effect.

**IT IS IMPERATIVE WE REACH QUORUM, PLEASE VOTE!
URGE YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS TO DO THE SAME.**



Volunteers in Service to Our Neighbors

By Kathy Maiocco

WE ARE STILL HERE FOR YOU VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR EMERGENCY ONLY SHOPPING TRIPS!

We are seeking volunteers to do some light emergency shopping for residents that cannot go out or can't wait for a delivery for some emergent food and household items during this time of crisis and uncertainty. If you are able-bodied and not immunocompromised, it would be most appreciated if you can help those less fortunate during this time of dire need.

We are urgently requesting you contact the VISTON office via telephone 732-657-1818 (which is being answered remotely) to volunteer for this immediate and much needed service. Please consider giving any time you can give to be help shop on an emergency basis only.

If you need assistance, please do not hesitate to call so we can arrange to assist.

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The Closet –

By Jim Larsen

Each day he would pass the closet and each day the cold sweat of fear would engulf him. It had been this way for the past forty years ever since he had walled up his secret in the false back of the closet. He was afraid to sell the home and move on for fear of a new owner finding his dark secret and exposing him and for that reason he was, in reality, being held hostage by the deed he had done those many years ago.

Amazingly he had been able to keep his secret from his wife and children as well as the outside world. His children were only infants at the time he had committed the heinous crime. For him they had grown to adults in the shadow of his failure but to this day he had never been able to confide in anyone so the most terrifying thing he had ever encountered in his life still lay buried in the back of the closet and in the back of his mind.

He knew, at some point, the way to atone for his crime was to expose it. Open the closet, remove the remains and take the consequences whatever they might be but the thought of opening the crypt was too much for him to contemplate.

No! He couldn't turn back now he had to rid himself of the guilt that had been plaguing him all these years and the only way to do it was to expose the secret the closet had been hiding. The crowbar reinserted he tore the false panel from the wall and, on first sight of the contents, almost fainted. There before him was the terrible apparition that had hung over his head for all those years.

With hands trembling he removed the red leisure suit with its bell bottom trousers and blue vest from its hiding place, carried it downstairs and deposited it in the garbage making sure none of the neighbors saw it. From that day forward with that terrible burden finally off his shoulders his life changed for the better.

When Days Are Bright Again

(Inspired by WWII Era Song When the Lights Go On Again)

By Norma McGhie

When days are bright again all over the world
When good health returns again all over the world
When Quarantines and Distancing no longer exists
We'll shake hands again, hug again, and maybe kiss!

When days are bright again all over the world
And life is normal again all over the world
We'll cherish life's little things & our hearts will sing
When days are bright again all over the world

When everything is right again all over the world
And our hearts are light again all over the world
We'll congregate, celebrate & thank God in Heaven above

When days are bright again all over the world

God Bless you

May 7, 2020



Recipe CORNER

Beer Batter Waffles

From allrecipes.com



Ingredients:

- 2 cups self-rising flour
- 1 (12 fluid ounce) can or bottle beer
- ½ cup unsalted butter, melted
- ¼ cup milk
- 2 eggs, separated
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Directions:

Preheat a waffle iron according to manufacturer's instructions. Combine flour, beer, butter, milk, egg yolks, honey, and vanilla in a large bowl; stir until the mixture is smooth. In a separate bowl, beat egg whites until stiff peaks form. Gently fold egg whites into batter.

Spray preheated waffle iron with non-stick cooking spray. Ladle the batter into waffle iron. Cook the waffles until golden and crisp. Serve immediately.

Easy Iced Coffee

From allrecipes.com

Ingredients

- 2 teaspoons instant coffee granules
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 3 tablespoons warm water
- 6 fluid ounces cold milk

Directions

In sealable jar, combine instant coffee, sugar and warm water. Cover the jar and shake until it is foamy. Pour into a glass full of ice. Fill the glass with milk. Adjust to taste if necessary.

Banana Pancakes I

From allrecipes.com



Ingredients

- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 tablespoon white sugar
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1 cup milk
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 2 ripe bananas, mashed

Directions

Combine flour, white sugar, baking powder and salt. In a separate bowl, mix together egg, milk, vegetable oil and bananas.

Stir flour mixture into banana mixture; batter will be slightly lumpy.

Heat a lightly oiled griddle or frying pan over medium high heat. Pour or scoop the batter onto the griddle, using approximately 1/4 cup for each pancake. Cook until pancakes are golden brown on both sides; serve hot.

Dalgona Coffee (Whipped Coffee)

From allrecipes.com

Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons boiling water
- 2 tablespoons instant coffee
- 2 tablespoons white sugar
- 1 cup whole milk

Directions

Whisk boiling water, instant coffee, and sugar together until coffee is dissolved. Continue to whisk until mixture becomes thick and forms a peak, 2 to 3 minutes.

Pour milk into a glass. Pour the frothy coffee on top of the milk.

Gingerbread French Toast

From allrecipes.com



Ingredients:

- ½ cup milk
- 2 eggs
- 1 tablespoon white sugar
- 2 teaspoons rum extract
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon ground cinnamon
- ¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg
- ¼ teaspoon ground cloves
- ⅛ teaspoon ground ginger
- 4 slices white bread
- 1 tablespoon butter, or as needed

Directions

Whisk milk, eggs, sugar, rum extract, salt, cinnamon, nutmeg, cloves, and ginger together in a bowl. Dip each bread slice into the egg mixture, turning to coat both sides.

Melt butter in a non-stick skillet over medium heat. Add bread slices in a single layer and cook until golden brown, about 3 minutes per side.

Mexican Coffee

From allrecipes.com

Ingredients

- 1 sugar cube
- 1 fluid ounce hot water
- ¾ cup coffee
- 1 fluid ounce coffee-flavored liqueur
- 1 tablespoon whipped cream

Directions

Pour sugar and hot water into a coffee mug. Stir in the coffee and liqueur, and then spoon whipped cream gently on top of the coffee.

Bacon and Egg Breakfast Tarts

From allrecipes.com



Ingredients

- 1 (11 ounce) package pie crust mix
- 1 (6 ounce) package Canadian-style bacon
- 1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese
- 4 eggs
- ¼ cup milk
- ¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg
- ¼ teaspoon ground black pepper

Directions:

Preheat oven to 425 degrees F (220 degrees C).

Prepare pastry for a one crust pie as directed on package. Divide pastry into 4 equal parts. Roll each part into a 6 inch circle on a well floured, cloth covered board with a floured, cloth covered rolling pin. Fit pastry over backs of large muffin cups (3 x 1 1/2 inch), or 6 ounce custard cups; make pleats so pastry will fit closely. If using individual pie pans or tart pans, cut circles 1 inch larger than inverted pans, and fit into pans. Prick surface. Place tarts on an ungreased cookie sheet.

Bake until light brown, about 8 to 10 minutes. Cool 5 minutes, and carefully remove from cups. Reduce oven temperature to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).

Place 2 bacon slices in the bottom of each pastry cup. Sprinkle cheese over the meat, making slight well in centers. Break 1 egg into each. Add 1 tablespoon milk into each tart. Sprinkle with nutmeg and pepper. Place tarts on an ungreased cookie sheet

SBake until eggs are soft cooked, about 15 to 20 minutes.

yummy!

“The Pick-Up”

by Annette Buonpane

It was late afternoon in the Spring of 1897 in Palermo, Italy, when Rosalia Benincasa, awaited a carriage to pick her up in front of the millinery shop where she was employed to create original “one of kind hats” for the shops’ fashionable women customers. In Italy in the eighteen hundreds no decent women would travel unescorted. So it was that every workday, Rosalia would be escorted by one of her brothers into a horse drawn covered carriage to and from the millinery shop. However, this day was to be different.

This day, the carriage stopped in front of the millinery shop, and as the petite 16 year old Rosalia, stepped forward to meet her brother, a man she had never seen before grabbed her, put a hood over her head and lifted her up into the carriage, where she sat between two men as the carriage horses quickly took off. Rosalia was terrified and her body began to shake as she thought to herself “where are these men taking me and what are they going to do with me?” One of the men told her not be afraid and to be quiet. Rosalia did not respond, she was so shaken she could not speak.

The ride seemed endless. Rosalia fears and anxiety increased with every passing minute. Finally, the carriage stopped and one of the men picked up Rosalia, still with a hood over her head, and carried her out of the carriage into a house or cabin she could only guess. Once inside one of the men removed the hood from her head. Standing before her were three men. Rosalia thought, “are these men going to rape me?” Suddenly, one of the men after seeing Rosalia’s face turned to the other two men and shouted, “You stupid fools, this is not my Angelina.” You fools you picked up the wrong woman. You kidnapped this young woman. The two of you should go to jail.

Then this man profusely apologized to Rosalia and explained to her that he had sent these two fools to pick up the young women he loved and wanted to marry and whose parents were totally against her marriage to him. Rosalia, still shaken, responded, “I see.” The man asked Rosalia, where did she live so that he could return her to her home. Although much relieved, she could barely inform him of where she lived. After she

did, he instructed the two men to return her home to her family. Once again, the leader apologized for his men kidnapping her mistakenly.

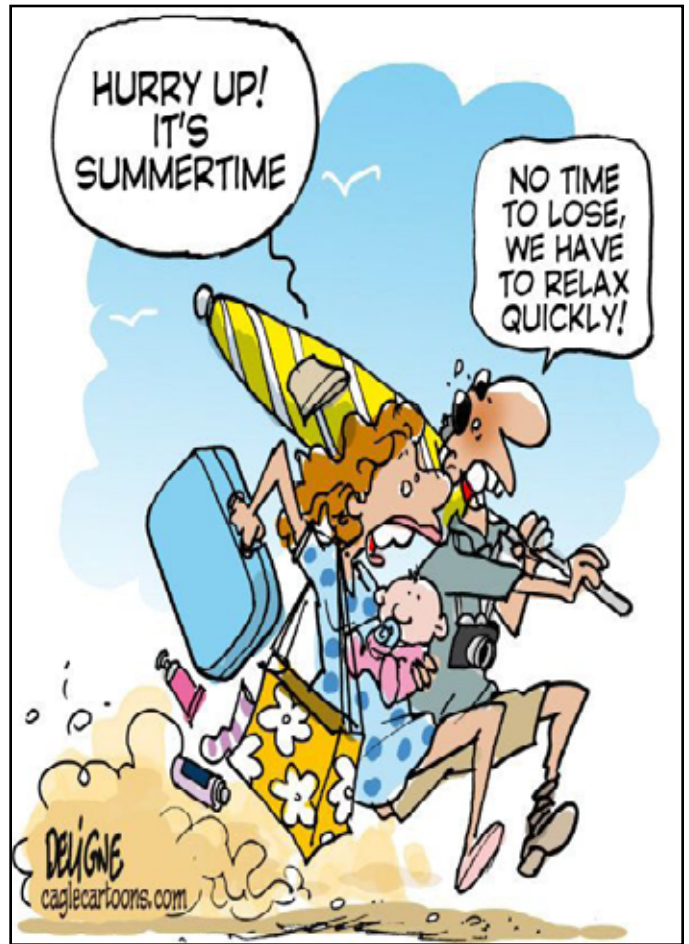
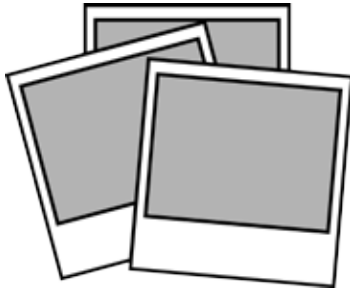
Then one of the men put the hood over her head again and said he was sorry to have to do this to her, but he had to, so she would not be able to tell anyone where they had taken her. He said he would remove the hood as soon as they were near to her home. As he said this, Rosalia, thought to herself, “I’m going home to my family. How worried for me they must be?” Poor Mama and Papa and my brothers and sister. I cannot wait to see them and hug them and comfort them.

As they approached Rosalia’s home, the hood was removed, and she saw that it was dark out. The man that had spoken to her before, told her he was going to let her off the carriage a small distance away from her home. Rosalia nodded a yes in response. Ten minutes later she was in front of her parents home and her sister and brothers came running out to her in tears and hugged and kissed her and brought her inside to their parents, where Rosalia would have to explain all that had happen to her, but she did not care. All she knew is that she was home and safe again.



LVW August Magazine will celebrate memories of years gone by in Leisure Village West.

Send old pictures of events or programs that stood out. If possible send pictures and identifying description to news@lvwa.net. If you cannot send electronically please mail to Fay Weinstein, 680C Huntington Drive, Manchester, NJ 08759. Please include your name and address. All original photos will be returned.



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TENNIS & SOCIAL CLUB

by Helen Epstein

The Tennis & Social Club was a very popular club within LVW from 1986 to 2017. Due to personal reasons, the club closed its doors in 2017. Throughout the many years, we accumulated some money in our treasury which we have decided to donate to a few worthy causes. We'd like to share that information with you..

First of all, we have purchased two new benches in front of the tennis courts. Additionally, we are planting trees within the village and donating money for a new bike rack adjacent to the tennis courts. . The benches will have a plaque stating that they were donated by the club and the trees will have a plaque in memory of Hal Epstein who was an integral part of the Tennis & Social Club .

In these difficult times, there are so many people who are having a difficult time feeding their families and generally making ends meet. To help ease this situation, we are donating money in the name of the Tennis & Social Club to the following charities:

FULFILL - a local charity providing food for those affected by Covid19 in Ocean & Monmouth Counties

NJ Pandemic Relief Fund - helps the most vulnerable affected by the virus Your Grandmother's Cupboard - provides food, clothing and other necessities for needy children and adults.

We hope we have made a small difference in the lives of a few people and that the Tennis & Social Club will be fondly remembered both for this charitable act and for the many years of bringing joy to the residents of LVW.

Thank you.



The Aluminum Christmas Tree

By Mike Morizio

I believe it was a December Saturday morning in 1960 when our mom came home from a shopping trip to the Family Circle discount department store on Poole Avenue in Hazlet, New Jersey (later Bradlees, later moved to a larger building across the street, later closed) with a brand new five-foot aluminum Christmas tree. She hadn't discussed this with anyone, including my dad – apparently the tree just called to her from the store shelf.

The tree consisted of a wooden pole painted silver with small holes drilled into it, and a number of “branches,” which were steel rods wrapped in aluminum tinsel.

Mom also purchased a motorized color wheel and about four dozen blue glass ornaments.

The color wheel was a floodlight with a brushless slow-speed motor (that was the year I learned about brushless slow-speed motors.) There were also four wedges of different-colored plastic that clipped together to form a wheel, and mounted to the shaft of the motor with a wing nut. The wing nut needed to be tightened twice a day (that was my job) or the wheel would fall off.

We wanted to have the tree decorated before our dad got home from his cabinet shop, so that afternoon my sister Carole and I carefully assembled and decorated the tree. This took about 10 minutes (two blue balls on each of the lower branches and one on each of the upper.)

We plugged in the color wheel and beheld our tree in wonder and rapture.

I don't precisely recall our dad's reaction when he saw the tree in the corner of our living room. I don't think that he really cared for it, however it was only

five-feet tall, and there were no tall Morizios, so at least we finally had a tree we could reach without a stepladder.

After supper Mom announced that she wanted to see how the tree looked in another corner of the living room, and asked our dad to move it. He was very strong and the tree was very light, so he easily grabbed the trunk near the top and picked the tree up with one hand.

He didn't know that the trunk, and therefore the tree, was in two parts.

The tree stayed suspended in mid-air for a second, and then the bottom half came crashing down. There were blue balls and metal branches everywhere. Some of the ornaments were in shards, but most were still rolling across the floor. My sister and I scrambled around on our knees to retrieve what was left of the tree bottom and stand it upright.

The problem was that Dad couldn't put the top of the tree down without causing further damage, so there he stood (with an expression that was a mix of surprise and mortal terror,) looking not unlike the Statue of Liberty, while Mom called him a number of names, including a few which I had not heard until that day.

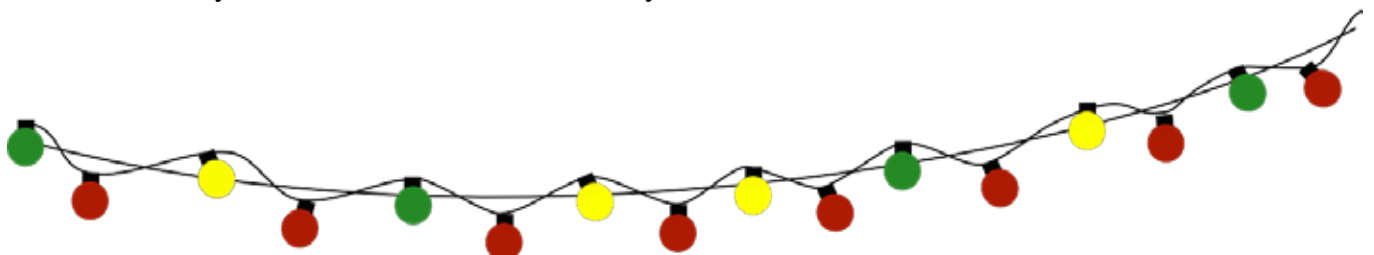
We got the tree back together, and there was no permanent damage except for a few broken ornaments, so on Monday Mom returned to the Family Circle for replacements.

The following year our tree was a Douglas fir.

The aluminum tree was retired to our attic, until one Christmas, years later, when Dad decided that it would make a good outdoor decoration.

That's another story.

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The Loop Walk

By Cran Clark

A constant sense of waiting pervades the air
Today we walked the loop around the still
RV Park
Big mastodons, nearly extinct, with metal
Bumper tusks
And beautiful decaled windshields with
Blinding sun reflections in the still spring air

I could swear the weather is bound to change
too sudden summer coming although it's been
cool all Spring

Onward we go past the locked tennis courts past other
Walkers with their antlike propulsion and their white
masks

We walk past three flags all at half-mast for the
thousands of lives

Lost to wars and now this new enemy plucking us
out as we are

Caught off guard.

The older flowers are faded and gone

But now iris stroke their pale white beards in a little
breeze

As the azaleas and rhodies swell with color above us.

Like so many wheel-chaired loved ones in front of
the nursing home windows, on TV, looking for joy
and love signs:

Then natural oxygen comes and fills our lucky, healthy
lungs as we watch the bees

Happily humming in the otherwise insect- less day

Busily pollinating the apple trees carefully planted
around the solar paneled office of the condos. Our
beehive of friends.

Our solace the jet free, quiet sky blue and clear now
The bees living on, keeping things going.

Spring 2020

What is a Tree to Me”

By Annette Buonpane

What do I see as I look at a tree
I see a majestic living creation
With a formidable figure
A creature with a strong trunk
And roots spread deep and wide
With branches that look to the sky

On a cold winter day
You can see her boldly naked
Or with crystal covered branches
On warmer days she'll be dressed
In leafy and floral finery
That takes my breath away

On breezy days her leafy branches
Will sway in the breeze and whispers softly to me
And in the Fall when strong winds blow
She begins to shed her gloriously colored leaves
That fly away where I can't go
But to my joy many fall to the ground
So I can pick them up and carry them home

A tree is a giver, she is home to many
To birds she offers shelter
And a place to bare their young
Where squirrels frolic and scurry
And where caterpillars become butterflies.

As for me a tree is a wondrous delight
In summer she dresses to inspire
With many colorful fragrant flowers
And bares fruits for me to eat, what a treat!

In winter she shelters me from cold and rain
And on holidays she lets me dress her in holiday fare
As we gather around her to sing holidays songs in
sweet refrain.

Trees look to heaven and so do I in thanks for their
creation.



Mary Lighthipe, Director

Recreation



Patriotism is difficult to put into words. Our country came together from all walks of life, to rise up and battle the Corona virus together. The kindness, devotion, generosity and heroism displayed will impact our nation’s history for years to come. Take a moment to reflect the meaning of patriotism on this Independence Day. As we wave our flags, let’s all remember how wonderful it is to be an American. Happy 4th of July!

All residents are welcome to participate in our Village car parade on July 4. Cars will assemble at the Willow Hall parking lot at 11am when route maps will be handed out. Decorate your cars and wave your flags as we celebrate our independence! We ask that no political signs be displayed.

We extend special thanks to Mike Morizio and the KLVW-TV staff for their assistance with Recreation programing. In addition to several musical programs, we are delighted to be able to bring you Priscilla’s Sticks/Zumba Class daily. Tune in to KLVW-Channel 1975 for daily workouts at 8 am and 2 pm. We thank Priscilla Vidal-Peck for her great exercise program.

As we work through our “new normal,” residents are encouraged to refer to the creeper and lvwcreeper.com for all the latest information. Clubs are urged to use the club/group feature on the front page of lvwcreeper.com. Assigned club editors can to use this great tool to keep you members informed.





PRIMARY ELECTION

Tuesday, July 7, 2020



**The Primary election will be conducted
by mail-in ballots.**

**Please watch lvwcreeper.com and Channel
1970 as additional information will be
forthcoming.**



Vincent Petruzzi Floral Display



Red, White and Blue Shortcake Stars

Prep 15 MIN

Total 30 MIN

Ingredients 10

Servings 12

Ingredients

- 1 1/2 quarts (6 cups) strawberries, sliced
- 1 1/2 cups granulated sugar
- 4 2/3 cups baking mix
- 1 cup milk
- 1/2 cup chopped dried cherries
- 6 tablespoons granulated sugar
- 6 tablespoons margarine or butter, melted
- 2 cups blueberries
- 3/4 cup whipping (heavy) cream
- 2 tablespoons granulated or powdered sugar



Steps

1. Mix strawberries and 1 1/2 cups sugar. Let stand 1 hour.
2. Heat oven to 425°. Mix baking mix, milk, cherries, 6 tablespoons sugar and the margarine until soft dough forms. Turn dough on surface lightly dusted with baking mix; gently roll in baking mix to coat. Shape dough into ball; knead 8 to 10 times.
3. Roll dough 1/2 inch thick. Cut with floured 3-inch star-shaped or round cutter. Place about 1 inch apart on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake 10 to 12 minutes or until golden brown.
4. Stir blueberries into strawberries. Beat whipping cream and 2 tablespoons sugar in chilled medium bowl with electric mixer on high speed until stiff. Split shortcakes in half while hot. Fill and top with berries and whipped cream.

Expert Tips: Use frozen whipped topping, thawed, instead of the whipping cream and sugar.

Before baking the shortcakes, cover and refrigerate the cut dough on the cookie sheet for up to 4 hours, or wrap and freeze for up to 48 hours. Bake as directed. Garnish with toothpicks that have miniature American flags.

<https://www.pillsbury.com/recipes/red-white-and-blue-shortcake-stars/7e29e063-5d2a-4c9c-97fc-27b53b222bd1>



Have a recipe you would like to share? We would love to publish it!

Send your recipes to beaversoncc@seniorpub.com by the 5th of the month for publication in the next issue.

All Association Offices and Departments will be closed on Friday, July 3 in observance of Independence Day. There will be no bus service on Saturday, July 4.

The Village bus will run on Wednesday, July 1 following the Saturday schedule.

The Primary Election will be conducted by mail-in ballots. Please refer to lvwcreeper.com and Channel 1970 as additional information will be forthcoming.



Township Recycling

**WEDNESDAYS,
July 1, 15, 29**

BULK PICK-UP:

Notice: Residents are reminded if the fire alarm sounds in the clubhouse they are to evacuate the building immediately. Don't assume the alarm to be a test or false alarm.

LVW NEWSPAPER RECYCLING:

Recycling will be held at the Club Encore parking lot (weather permitting) on:

Wednesday July 8 9 am to 12 pm

Thursday July 9 9 am to 12 pm

Friday July 10 9 am to 12 pm

We collect magazines and phone books.



For your convenience, the storage container will be open for newspapers and other paper products at all times. We do not collect aluminum cans or other aluminum products. Please put these items out at the next municipal recycling collection days.



please note

Association Summer Saturday Hours

The Recreation Office at Willow Hall will be open on Saturday, April 4 from 8 am until 2 pm to accommodate residents and offer most Recreation/Association services.

The summer hours will continue on the second Saturday of each month from 8 am until 2 pm as follows: May 9, June 13, July 11, August 8 and September 12.

4th of July Parade



All residents are welcome to join our Village car parade.

Cars will assemble at the Willow Hall parking lot at 11 am when route maps will be distributed.

Decorate your cars and wave your flags as we celebrate our independence.



This parade is to celebrate Independence Day, we ask that no political signs be displayed.

Chair Stretches for maintaining or improving flexibility

The stretching exercises below reveal the different ways the body can move for a variety of everyday tasks and activities.

Instructions: The actual position in each photo may not be exactly what you can do. You have your own level of flexibility (Range of Motion). Simple go to a position that you feel comfortable in; avoid discomfort/pain; and hold the position for 30-60 seconds.

Spine



Hips



& legs



Shoulders



Did you slowly and gently go into the position shown? **Yes/no**
Did the position you attempted create a feeling of stretch while avoiding discomfort/pain? **Yes/no**
Did you hold the stretch for 30-60 seconds? **Yes/no**

Hands

By Sandra T. Naiva

Amazing machines of levers and pulleys
Grand motion or finely tuned.
Twist, turn, close and open
Pinch, point, fan and snap
Intentional, mechanical moves are these.

There are hands that flow with poetic design
They're controlled by the heart not with the mind.

If hands are secured speech is hampered
For the heart makes the hands to express!

So meaningful words need to be freed
By hands that display, nuance and need.



George and Millie

By Elizabeth Clark

George could not understand why Millie kept telling him he had to stay indoors. His memory was gone, and he repeatedly asked her, 'Are we going to see the kids today?' Or 'How come the kids have not visited today?'

...Millie quietly reassured him, and carried on cleaning the countertops. 'Smells like a dentist in here', George yelled over and again. 'We can go sit out in the patio today, it is so sunny, let's get your shoes ... table, and led George to sit down. 'My mother sure can cook a good sausage, you should get her to teach you,' George stated as he scraped the plate clean. Finished, he went sit in the big chair. Music time.

...Millie was sad for George. he had gone downhill fast with the lockdown, no doubt about it. She put on a CD, Tony Bennet, used to be their favorite to dance to. George was relaxed, even tapping his feet and ... with tears in her eyes. George looked up, beamed a smile and stood, took her in his arms, and glided her round the room.
(Dedicated to all those who care for loved ones with memory loss)
Elizabeth Clark



I HATE DEATH

By Kathay Iskrzycki

It's unfinished talks
Those words you meant to say
but thought you'd have another day
It's ending with no beginnings
It's final
It leaves a void and the question
Why?
It makes you cry
It's sadness, shadows, and sorrows
It steals all your tomorrows....

COVID COMFORTS

By Christina Basile



Moon, Moon

Moon, Moon, you shine so bright,
Making sure the earth's alright.

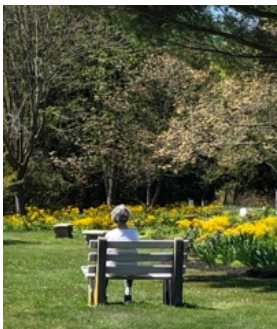
In present times earth permeates the air,
We can look at you and think more clear!

Your light we enjoy with our wide eyes,
As we look forward to tomorrow's sunrise.

A sit on the Bench

By Christina Basile

A sit on the bench,
a thought comes to me.
The invisible fence,
The distance we need.



We can enjoy all the trees,
And all nature's sounds.
A work and the breeze,
Enjoying the beauty all around!

Spring

By Christina Basile

As the trees are bearing their leaves,
Busy working are the birds and the bees.
The earth is pregnant with new life.
It has no idea of our human strife.

Take some moments,
To watch it unfurl.
While we have our moments of peace,
Enjoying our wonderful natural world!



SORROW A SHORT STORY

By HOWARD M. CLOTT

The sun's warm rays cast shadows that danced over the quaint patio filled with blooms of spring. Flower pots gleamed and stood like proud soldiers. Mild sweet fragrances flowed on gentle air currents. Soft white clouds moved ever so slowly in a cerulean blue sky.

She sat on her old rocker overlooking the garden. The white paint now darkened by age, peeled, leaving streaks of gray hanging down listlessly in mourning. The large green field just a short distance away seemed so far and unapproachable. Memories of laughter and love somewhere buried in the cobwebs of her mind. It was so vivid and yet a dark cloud encompassing endless thoughts, convoluted in no particular pattern. Her hair now gray and unkempt, fell listlessly down her frail shoulders. Staring into the nothingness of what her life was now, she labored to make sense of where she was. A gentle breeze caressed her withered face. The touch of warmth bathed her aching body. She closed her tired eyes and remembered. The

friend and companion who was with her for so many years, recently passed on. Tears slowly fell down her soft crinkled cheeks. "Papa...where are you"? Her shallow cries for no one to hear.

An old tired woman alone. Family visits were infrequent. All those years of love and caring for those who she cherished gone.

The cup of tea sitting on the small wrought iron table, spilled as her shaking speckled hand reached over. The pretty blue flowered silk robe she wore now soaked with hot tea burned her thigh. She murmured a quiet sigh lifting it up and down in an effort to dry. Her pained hands caused her to dismiss the fruitless effort. Sitting back in the chair, she listened to the creak of the rocking chair. All else was a mere blur. As the hours passed and the tired sun set in the horizon, she gently closed her eyes. Faint memories of her childhood brought a yearning for the lost years, as she drifted tenderly into deep sleep. Sweet dreams!




July

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2020

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The Best Part of Me



Eyes, eyes, my beautiful eyes, shimmering, glimmering, deep brown eyes. In the summer they shine, and they're all mine, they help me see others and what they see, can be completely different than me. In the day they're open and in the night they are shut. They blink, wink, leak tears when i'm sad, go wide when i'm glad, squint and glare when i'm mad. Eyes, eyes, my beautiful eyes, shimmering, glimmering , deep brown eyes. In the summer they shine, they're all mine, these beautiful, wonderful eyes of mine..

Cara Barry

Granddaughter of **Bob Fitzpatrick**



Death Comes Knocking

By Michael Helms

A virus has spread over the land, thru every nation known to man.
A killer knowing no discrimination, as it kills men, woman and children of every nation.
The world stopped dead in it's track, economy dropping and politicians not knowing how to get it back.
All mankind locked in their home as it is no longer legal to roam.
Masks covering the populations faces, those of every religion and of all races.
loved ones no longer buried in an honorable way as loved ones are kept far away
Families lose children, husbands and wives, as the virus takes numerous lives
Hospitals overwhelmed with patients and not enough room to accommodate the ill,
Mask and Respirator orders unable to fulfill,
Nurses dying on the front line, these heroes praying the number of ill will decline.
Food shelves empty, states trying to feed the enormous hunger, as the job markets plunder,
One day an antidote they will discover and then mankind will begin to fully recover.

5/2020

Demons within Man

By Michael Helms

Black as coal is the cool winter night, bugs on the marsh fluttering in a frenzied flight,
The mist parts like a rotten coffin thrust from the earth as he emerges from his foul watery birth.
Looking like an enormous slimy, warted frog, he emerges from the polluted bog.
Cry my brothers for he is alive and on the prowl, piercing the night with his soul-chilling growl.
Pull up your covers over your head, for fear you may be one of his mutilated dead.
Silence, silence your whimpering cry, and pray he passes you bye.
Endlessly he searches throughout the night to steal the souls of man, carrying them to his fathers forsaken land.
His shadow casting over the dew-covered plains, leaving behind soulless remains.
The souls of man, captured and imprisoned within his evil slime.
Souls that grew black within the evil of man. souls that will suffer till the end of time.
You can run my brothers, but you can not hide, for the demons of hell are rooted deep inside.
Reach out for the Lord and pray; it's not too late because you can change or seal your fate.

3/1992

Do You Believe

By D.B. Evans

In early 20th century Eastern Pennsylvania the mother of three young girls, having lost their father at an age remarried. Being of German descent, their new Dad called the youngest “die Kleine”, or the little one. Life went on normally until, Mom came down with “Cancer”.

When Mom died, Poppa tried to hold the tears back, but seeing the faces of the sisters, well, he no longer could contain himself. He began to cry openly. One by one the sisters realized what this meant.

Everyone was sad for a long time. Poppa for a while took them to church as Mom wanted. Poppa began to wonder why would a god who loved them so much allow someone so devoted to suffer in such lasting pain.

Poppa changed inside, in his mind and no longer believed in “god”.

The three princesses turned into three queens in their own right.

Then the news came, Poppa was sick. All of the girls rushed to the hospital. The same hospital that Mom never came out from. They all began to remember “Mom”.

“You can all come and see him, please be quiet. He really does not have much longer and we don’t want to agitate him any more than necessary.” The doctor explained.

Entering the room, they could see Poppa. He looked so sad, so weak. All the girls were weeping openly as they stood there. Poppa’s eyes opened. He saw his visitors. Those young girls he helped raise to young ladies.

Eventually the girls sadly began to leave. As Amelia was leaving, she heard a voice behind her, “Kleine, Die Kleine...”.

Amelia turned and saw her Dad, looking directly at her. His hand outstretched.

Amelia came by the bed and took his hand holding it close. His gaze fixed toward the foot of his bed.

“Kleine..., look, it is so beautiful, so beautiful...” he said in a whisper.

“What Poppa, what?” she gently answered.

“It is so beautiful, I do believe.” Were his last words to Die Kleine.

This true story was told to me by my Grandmother Amelia of her experience.

Me

By Sandy Colucci

I’ve been someone’s girlfriend,

I’ve been someone’s wife.

I’ve been someone’s daughter, someone’s sister, someone’s friend.

I’ve tried to make them happy, although I’ve never been.

I finally found the answer ...

... get me through the day.

She may not know just what to do, or know just what to say. But she will help me live my life the best that it can be.

The person I’m referring to is no one else but me.

Down Memory Lane

By Marie Lamberti

With the many Yankee fans at LVW I thought this Memento of mine would be of interest. This is my original poem sent to the New York Yankee Inc. office in 1949:

There he stands so erect
in the sun
After hitting a towering
homerun
He doesn't brag he's modest
you see
And after watching him
you'll also agree
He has the brains and ability
to play
Spectacular baseball from
day to day
This all adds up to a great
athlete you know
His number is five
Joe Di Maggio

New York Yankee announcer Mel Allen responded with the following letter.

Dear Marie:

Thank you so much for your nice letter. Having listeners like you throughout the baseball season makes broadcasting the games a wonderful experience. Please know that I appreciate tremendously, your interest.

Incidentally, that was a very clever poem you wrote.

Cordially,
Mel Allen

This is a letter I treasure to this day, and I am still an avid Yankee fan.



Gettysburg

By Jim Larsen

I have walked the fields of Gettysburg
where so many young men, on both sides died.
I've wandered through the graveyards
where widows and orphans cried.

Fifty-one thousand fighting men
came from miles away.
To meet with their destiny,
in those fields, one summers day.

All of those who served,
those who felt the pride.
Were sure, at the outset,
that they could turn the tide.

How crushing the blow must have been
at the instant the reaper took hold
to know as they were dying,
they were not so bold.

No need to worry brave trooper,
no need to feel the pain.
Your life and death had a purpose,
you did not die in vain.

For as long as there are battlefields,
or there is a single grave
those of us you left behind
will pay homage to one so brave

There have been other wars,
other brave troopers too,
and upon their graves
we lay, the same honors afforded you,

We continue to look to our future
and pray the example you set
will prevail through generations
and, in the field, our foes will be met.
We need your strength and courage
in these days of constant unrest,
so we may prove to many doubters.
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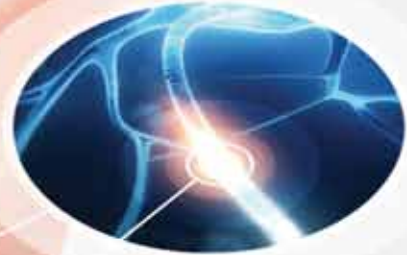
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SWIM DUGGI SWIM

By Janice Saylor

During this new world we live in now, many people have turned to getting pets for company. But the question is, how much responsibility does one really want.

Big Mike decided to go to a pet store and see what was around. While walking around the store looking at birds, small reptiles, dogs, and cats who were looking for homes, a salesman came over to Mike and asked if he could help. Looking a little befuddled, Mike just smiled and told the salesman his problem.

“I have just the answer for you. We are selling goldfish for 39 cents. Just put the goldfish in water and watch him swim around, and you will see how relaxing that can be.” “That’s it,” said Mike, “not much responsibly and something alive to watch. I’ll take it.”

As the two walked back to where the fish were, the salesman said he would need a tank for the little goldfish, needless to say, \$130 later Big Mike left the pet store with his 39 cent fish and \$129.41 home for him.

It was ok though. This little goldfish that Big Mike called “Duggi” would be his companion to help him through this pandemic.

When Mike and Duggi got home, Mike was really excited to set up the tank and all the equipment as well as some great toys for Duggi,

Big Mike sat for a long time watching the little guy swim around getting used to his new home. Feeling quite content and even a little bit more relaxed, he decided to call it a day.

After a few days went by, Big Mike was really getting attached to that little guy. He woke up one morning and, as usual, went directly to see Duggi, where he was shocked to see that this little goldfish had turned black. Mike called everyone he knew to see if he could find out what had happened. He even was told to flush Duggi down the toilet, but he couldn’t bring himself to kill the poor little fish he had gotten so attached to.

Mike called the pet store and explained what was happening. The salesman told him not to flush the fish but to bring him back immediately, and he would take care of him and give Mike another fish.

Being a little surprised at the salesman’s reaction, Big Mike proceeded back to the pet store where he gave the little guy back and exchanged it for a beautiful Betta fish, which is more durable.

Back at home, Big Mike sat in front of the new Betta fish and watched him swim around in his new surroundings thinking even in this pandemic where there was so much sadness there was one man who really cared about a little fish and took the time to make sure he could save him. The \$130 pet gave Big Mike faith that there is good, and we would all come out of this pandemic ok. Little Duggi-two’s price tag was a bargain after all.



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By Dennis Carbley

TODAY'S THE DAY YOU TURN FIFTY-NINE
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WE'VE BEEN TOGETHER FOR SO MANY YEARS
AND YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN THERE TO DRY MY TEARS
WHETHER FROM WORK OR LIFE OR JUST THROUGH MY OWN FEARS
YOU'VE BEEN MY CLOSEST COMPANION OF WHICH YOU HAVE NO PEERS

I'VE ENJOYED OUR LIFE TOGETHER AND THE ONLY THING I WOULD MISS
IS NOT SPENDING THE NEXT 25 YEARS WITH YOU AS THAT'S MY ONLY WISH

THIS ISN'T MUCH OF A POEM, BUT I WANT you TO KNOW
THAT I'M ALWAYS THINKING OF YOU WHEREVER I GO
I THANK THE LORD FOR OUR TIME TOGETHER
AND I REALLY BELIEVE THAT NOTHING COULD BE BETTER
THEN HAVING YOU FOR MY WONDERFUL WIFE
AND BEING WITH YOU FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE

BUT BEING SO IN LOVE WITH YOU IS SOMETHING I WANTED you TO KNOW THAT WHEREVER
OUR LOVE TAKES US NOW I KNOW I'LL GLADLY GO
YOU'VE GIVEN ME MANY WONDERFUL MEMORIES AND I WANTED you TO KNOW THAT I
LOVE YOU AND ADORE YOU MORE THAN YOU WILL EVER KNOW

HAPPY BIRTHDAY HONEY !!

YOURS AND FOREVER IN LOVE WITH YOU,
Dennis Carbley, March 24, 2008



HOPE

By Shirley Shames

Walt—can it be?
Can one actually see the light at the end of the
tunnel?
Stores starting to open
Keeps all of us hoping
That there's a reverse In the funnel.
But It's only a trial
So stifle your smile Until everyone follows the
rules;
Distancing matters
When more than one gathers
So don't be among a few fools.
Now that May's here
We can be of good cheer Our parks and golf
courses are open;
But not for long
If we do something wrong,
So follow the rules to keep hopIn'.
Please play It smart
And do take to heart
The things with which we can cope;
Be safe, not sorry
And keep your eyes starry
As we all continue to hope,
May 202

PANDEMIC

By Shirley Shames

I'm sitting at home
As I write this poem-
When will this madness end?
The sickness and death
Make me draw in my breath
For it's so hard to comprehend.
Only a fool
Ignores the distancing rule
For why was it made in the first place?
To keep germs from spreading
And more of us getting
To meet the darned virus face to face,
Don't walk out your door
To go to a store
It's like putting your life on the line;
If you go and return
Scrub your hands 'til they burn
With the hope that then you will be fine.
If I live through this mess
Is anyone's guess
It's like playing Russian Roulette;
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IT IS.....

By Mary Louise Doner

It IsHere where we first stared COVID- 19 in its face;
It Is Here where COVID-19 forced us all to slow down to a turtle's pace;
It Is Here where we watched COVID-19 savagely impact the human race.

BUT

It IsHere now where we learned to discover the beauty of nature again;

AND

It isHere where we now walk outside in one's, two's and three's but not more than ten;

AND

It isHere where we can feel so safe and secure;

SO

It isHere where we hopefully soon will bid COVID-19 adieu.

THE ONE THAT GOT AWAY

By MARIE WILCOX

SHE WOKE UP IN THE EARLY MORNING, REALIZING SHE WAS LYING ON A PILE OF WET LEAVES. HOW AND WHY DID THIS HAPPEN? YES, SHE WAS OUT LAST NIGHT WITH HER FRIENDS AND HAD A FEW DRINKS, BUT GOT HOME BEFORE MIDNIGHT.

SHE REMEMBERS HEARING HER DOG, HOMER, BARKING AT SOMETHING OR SOMEONE WHO WAS OUTSIDE, SO SHE DECIDED TO GRAB A FLASHLIGHT AND SCAN AROUND THE PROPERTY, BUT SHE DIDN'T SEE ANYTHING.

OH WELL, SHE SAID TO HERSELF, HOMER BARKS AT ALMOST ANYTHING –EVEN WHEN HE HEARS PEOPLE WALKING BY. I MAY AS WELL GET INTO MY P.J.'S AND GO TO BED.

DURING THE EARLY MORNING HOURS, HOWEVER, SHE WAS AWOKEN BY HOMER'S BARKING. THIS TIME, A LITTLE MORE VICIOUS. O.K. ---SOMETHING'S GOING ON OUT THERE. SHOULD I JUST CALL THE POLICE, OR MAYBE I'M JUST OVER REACTING. LET ME GRAB THAT FLASHLIGHT AND CHECK OUTSIDE AGAIN. ONCE OUTDOORS, FIRST THING SHE SAID TO HERSELF WAS "OH BROTHER – WHAT'S THAT SMELL?" NONE OTHER BUT A SKUNK, AS SHE TRIPPED AND FELL OVER A PILE OF WET LEAVES AS THE DARNED SKUNK WAS GETTING AWAY!

SO, NOW SHE REMEMBERS-----AND SHE STINKS TOO !!!!

A Second World War story

By Annemarie Li

My dear friend Maria told me this story and I decided it needs to be shared and preserved.

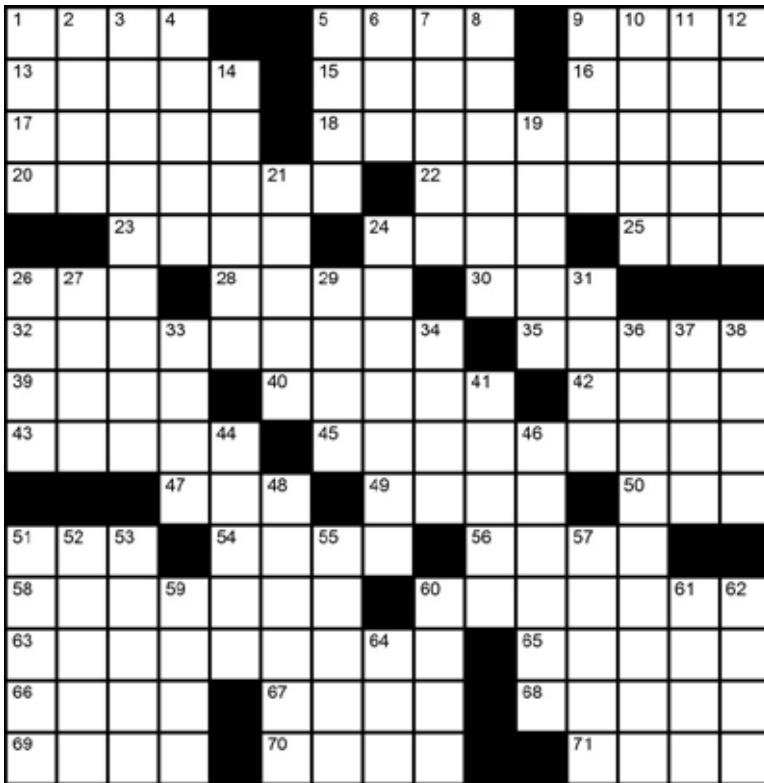
Maria was born in Hungary in the late 1920's. Her parents were well off. When she was around 10 years old they decided to send her for 1 year to relatives in the USA to learn to speak English. This one year became a lifetime.

When Hitler started a war in 1939, Maria's parents decided to wait before bringing her back home to Hungary until all this nonsense that Hitler was talking about, "Lebensraum" (living space), was over. Maria's parents were of German decent and spoke German in the house and Hungarian everywhere else. They realized this war became much more than just "Hitler nonsense". By 1944 the Russian army made great advances and Maria's family- mother, father and teenage brother, decided to leave Hungary together with lots of other people. Germany accepted them as refugees and they were settled in a small town in the southern part of the country. In the western part of Germany the American military made great progress and the population was told to hide when the Americans roll in because they would shoot anything that moved.

Maria's mother was out on an errand when she heard the rumbling of tanks. She tried to find a place to hide but all the doors were locked. She pressed herself close against a wall and hoped they would not see her. When she saw an American tank rolling down the street she closed her eyes and was ready to die. The tank stopped right next to her and she was sure this was the end of her life. To her great surprise, she heard a man's voice speaking perfect German saying "guten Morgen" (good morning). She opened her eyes and there was a young man on top of this tank smiling at her. She was not sure if this was real. When he said again, "guten Morgen", and then asked her in perfect German where the German soldiers were, she told him that they all left about a week ago. He said "Danke" (thank you) and tossed something at her. He closed the hatch and the tank rolled on. Again she was not sure if this was all real. She pinched herself to make sure she was not dreaming. She expected whatever the American had tossed at her to explode. She waited a bit and since nothing seemed to happen she looked at it and then picked it up. It was a small candy bar.



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ACROSS

- 1 Maker whose cars go up and down
- 5 Unfortunately
- 9 Old Indian coin
- 13 Individualist
- 15 --- Marlene
- 16 Turns
- 17 Weighty
- 18 Thought transference
- 20 San ---, California
- 22 Correction
- 23 4th largest Great Lake
- 24 With regard to
- 25 Place
- 26 Contains Jets and Texans
- 28 Composure
- 30 Small cell
- 32 Paces
- 35 Common subjects in life classes
- 39 Zits
- 40 Delhi wraps?
- 42 S M S
- 43 Additional clause
- 45 Financial holdings
- 47 Doze
- 49 Calf meat
- 50 Tennis player's org.
- 51 Drop in value
- 54 Small pool lining slab
- 56 Burrow

- 58 Unworldliness
- 60 Storm
- 63 Truce
- 65 Ace golfer --- Els
- 66 Amount
- 67 "Born Free" lioness
- 68 Lucifer
- 69 Was completely certain
- 70 Raised platform
- 71 Thanksgiving dish

DOWN

- 1 "Quantum of Solace" actress --- Kurylenko
- 2 Ripped
- 3 Very soon
- 4 Cut
- 5 Either a male or a female voice
- 6 Recline
- 7 Filmmaker Woody ---
- 8 Jagged mountain range
- 9 Turkish rulers
- 10 Asleep
- 11 Long narrow jacket with a high collar
- 12 So far
- 14 Ancient artifacts
- 19 Song of praise
- 21 E.g. venison, beef, pork etc.
- 24 Better
- 26 A long way off
- 27 An ellipse has two
- 29 Spring
- 31 Not manual (Abbr.)
- 33 Person between 12 and 20
- 34 Father
- 36 Dominican-American fashion designer Oscar ---
- 37 Way out
- 38 Cease
- 41 Not fresh
- 44 Assesses
- 46 Online attacks
- 48 Pockmarked
- 51 Nibble
- 52 Moses' brother
- 53 Easy putt
- 55 Bizet's priestess in "The Pearl Fishers"
- 57 Start of a divine appeal
- 59 Perspective
- 60 E.g. Oolong, Darjeeling
- 61 Now Thailand
- 62 Sawbucks
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I HEAR AMERICA CRYING

By Ron Owens

My beloved native country,
Once so strong, fair, and beautiful,
Is reduced to tears as she feels
The pains of her people and her land.

Her children, once united enough to win wars
Are now profoundly divided
Spiritually, economically, racially, and ethnically.
Anger and hatred abound.

Her fruitful plains once so bounteous
Gasp for non-polluted air and soil.
There's hunger where plenty abounds.

What can I do as I hear America cry?
I can use my life for opportunities
To learn and practice the tenants of love
That were passed on to me by others.

May those things I learn
Help to create the safe and happy life
For future generations
That I have enjoyed for so long.



Prayer, Unity and Love

By Norma McGhie

I thought and thought what can I do
To reassure and strengthen all of you
For at this time no matter what we weather
Our only hope is to stay together.

Coronavirus, how I Hate that name
I'm sure you all must feel the same
But united in love we can win this war
And our lives resume just like before.

Learn to listen and follow what we're told to do
It will save your lives and that of others too
Know that God is looking down from Heaven above
at al his children with so much love.

You are not alone for Gods there for you
His almighty power will help us see this through
His blessings and love for all on Earth
Will Banish this evil and proclaim a new birth.
We must pray during the day as well as at night

For we know that God will help us win the fight
Our prayers will be answered and We'll be free
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SUMMER'S MEMORIES

By PEG BURKE

From the view on the porch she could see the lake – waiting for the boat to come into the dock she wondered if the rain would ever leave the lake – when would the sunshine? It had been a long week at the cabin up in the woods...the only way to get thru this was to keep playing cards, board games and singing songs while attempting to play the old pump organ that sat in the “music room” – a misnomer initiated long ago by her Nana when she was a child at the same cabin decades ago.

Why was it that years ago this place had so much adventure & now it seemed old & boring! She could remember summers long ago when just sitting on the big rock at the side of the house & daydreaming was the only thing she need to do. Or swimming in the lake with its cold water while looking out for the water snakes she was so afraid of!

They had decided to bring the children up here & try to recapture their own youth, but it was not working. Now all it seemed more work as it was a long drive by car, getting groceries& then putting everything into the boat to come across to the cabin.

No more excitement about the water, the rock, the pine trees, the beloved lake with all its old fashioned charm. Maybe that was the problem, the folks who long ago where here with her were no longer amongst

the living, only memories of faces in the years at camp when it was lite by candles & lanterns, not bright electric lights. Was life easier for the “older folks” back then OR was it only the young who felt free?

Perhaps this trip up here would solve the problems by enlightening her to the fact that each generation must solve its own problems of loneliness, etc. by doing how they feel is the best way to remedy this situation.

Why had her Aunt bought this out of the way place up near the Canadian border? Perhaps it was her way to escape her busy life in New York City in the 1940's right after WWII? Now she was escaping to the same cabin in the 1980s! Did the change bring happiness or memories of at least trying for that happiness?

Well it looked like the rain had stopped and soon they would be back with groceries so she could start on dinner. She had lite the fireplace so she could bake the potatoes wrapped in foil & then grill the steak too! Just like her grandparents, aunt, and her parents had done countless times!

How nice it was to just sit and wonder and wait – then she realized how peaceful she had become since being back at the lake! How do I keep this feeling all year long??????



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WEAR YOUR FACE COVERING CORRECTLY

- Wash your hands before putting on your face covering
- Put it over your nose and mouth and secure it under your chin
- Try to fit it snugly against the sides of your face
- Make sure you can breathe easily
- Do not place a mask on a child younger than 2



USE THE FACE COVERING TO HELP PROTECT OTHERS

- Wear a face covering to help protect others in case you're infected but don't have symptoms
- Keep the covering on your face the entire time you're in public
- Don't put the covering around your neck or up on your forehead
- Don't touch the face covering, and, if you do, clean your hands

FOLLOW EVERYDAY HEALTH HABITS

- Stay at least 6 feet away from others
- Avoid contact with people who are sick
- Wash your hands often, with soap and water, for at least 20 seconds each time
- Use hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available



TAKE OFF YOUR CLOTH FACE COVERING CAREFULLY, WHEN YOU'RE HOME

- Untie the strings behind your head or stretch the ear loops
- Handle only by the ear loops or ties
- Fold outside corners together
- Place covering in the washing machine
- Wash your hands with soap and water



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Sonny

By Doris Donnelly James

The bricks of Sonny Donahue's Third Avenue apartment building, darkened with age and crumbling, showed nobody cared about the place. Nobody cared about the broken steps leading to the double door with a cracked window pane. The smell of cooked cabbage, onions, and stale sweat hit him as soon as he entered the hall. Its peeling, sickly green walls were scrawled with words he shouldn't even think. A dirty light fixture hung from the ceiling over the stairs. Inside it lay dozens of dead bugs.

Up two flights, in apartment 28B, Sonny sat on the cold kitchen floor. He kept his jacket buttoned. The apartment was always chilly when he got home from school, but it warmed up when Ma lit the coal stove to start supper. His stomach growled. The thin honey sandwich Ma had made for his lunch left him hungry then, hollow now.

Humming softly, he pasted pictures from yesterday's New Jersey News into his scrapbook. On the top border of one photo was the date, February 3, 1916. He turned the page covered with pictures of men in baseball uniforms, then put a dab of paste on each corner of a photograph of a black puppy.

What was that? Sonny stopped; his paste jar held in midair. There it was again! Now, in the far corner. Tiny nails scratching against wood inside the wall. Tiny whiskers reaching out to feel what was ahead so the mouse would know, in the dark inside the wall, where he was going. Sonny hated mice, rats and all the other crawly things he imagined running inside the walls, under the floor boards, inside the cupboard under the sink.

"Take one end of this here sheet, little man." Ma had another coughing fit, wiped a line of spit off her lip.

'Little man'? Sonny was almost ten. Scrambling to his feet and grabbing hold of the sheet, he folded his end over to Ma's. As he did, his foot slid, catching the edge of the page he'd just pasted. It ripped half way out of the book, leaving a jagged scar across the dog's face.

"Now look what you've done!" Ma shook her

head. "Spent your after-school playtime on your scrapbook and you've gone and ruined it."

Sonny picked up the book, slammed it shut and put it on top of the ice box. He blocked out Ma's words, each punctuated by the sounds she made putting away the old wooden ironing board.

"Got to pay closer attention." Thud. "You're not a baby." Bang. "Take care of things, so you'll have them." Slam. Sonny crossed the room, dropped to his knees and laid his arms on the window sill. He rested his forehead on the cold glass. Why did Ma always have to tell him what to do? Just because he was the youngest... The ice box door slammed a couple of times. Whack, whack, a knife chopped what smelled like onions.

On the dirty street below, carts moved slowly, horses' heads bobbed, their nostrils blowing short puffs of smoke. Only a few neighbors walked the sidewalk. They went inside tenements a lot like Sonny's. Most of the families were like his, too--Irish. He could hear the women calling to each other across the alley.

"Was that your Evan I saw outside Malone's Saturday night?"

"No, that weren't my boy. Musta been somebody else."

The neighbor ladies leaned out their front and side windows summer and winter-- summer to escape the heat. In winter, they held their coat collars close around their throats and yelled to each other, as if the sound of another human voice would keep them warm. Sonny's breath fogged up the window. Somebody turned the corner. Somebody with a coat like Da's. Sonny's lips moved noiselessly against the window pane. Please, please. He watched his father--head bent, hands stuck in his pockets, hat pulled low to keep out the February wind. Da would be opening the door downstairs now. He'd be starting up the steps. Sonny counted each step under his breath. The door to their apartment swung open.

"Did you get the job?" Sonny cried, steeling a quick glance at Ma, who was watching him.

"No, I did not, you nosy little man." Da swatted

Sonny's backside. "Out you go Michael Patrick. Fetch your sisters and brother for supper."

From his bedroom window, Sonny watched Helen, Sis, and Georgie playing Red Rover in the back alley with the neighborhood kids. Now Georgie was swinging Tim O'Brien off the ground. His brother could do that-- be rough and still be friends. George was the leader of the neighborhood kids. Helen's long braided hair swung around as she ran. And wasn't she too old to play with the neighborhood gang-- she being thirteen soon? Sis, who was eleven, could run circles around most boys her age-- she was just that fast. Opening the window, Sonny cupped his hands in front of his mouth and sang, "Da says come in for supper." His sisters and brother ran to the fire escape. They used elbows and knees to push each other up two flights of rusty metal steps, and squeeze in through the open window. As he passed Sonny, Georgie smacked him on the back of the head with the flat of his hand.

"What'd you do that for?" asked Sonny.

"For nothin'. Now do something."

After the girls took their places next to their mother at the table, and Georgie and Sonny sat on the long bench, Da said, "Thank the Lord, Helen."

"Bless us O Lord and these the gifts which we are about to receive from thy bounty through Christ our Lord, Amen," said Helen all in one breath.

"Amen," Da's voice was almost a shout. "Pass the bread."

"What did they say down at the new mill, Da?" asked Sis.

"Didn't say nothing." Da tore a big chunk out of the loaf. "Didn't have to. There's a sign hanging on the side door, 'No Irish Need Apply'." Da's voice rose. "Now isn't that grand? A fine way to tell a man he 'hain't wanted'."

Well you don't have to yell at us, Mister," said Ma, with a stormy look in her eyes. "We didn't lose your last job for you, and we didn't make you Irish."

"No, you didn't." Da pushed his bread into his gravy and spoke with the bread dripping half way to his mouth. "It's God that made us Irish."

Sonny tipped his bowl up to finish off the last of his broth. He glanced at the stove--the stew pot wasn't there. Must be in the sink--which meant the small portions Ma had spooned out were all there was. The bread basket was empty, too. Sonny slid off his chair and stood next to his father. "Know what, Da? I decided to grow a mustache. When I'm big, I mean."

"And someday the queen of England will climb up the fire escape just to say hello," Helen teased.

"Well," said da, running his hand across his mouth, "that was a grand first course, Nellie. Now for the roast beef and pudding..."

"Ah, so it's a comedian I've married," said Ma, pushing her chair back. Everybody helped clean up, even Da, though he grumbled HIS father never washed a plate in his life. For the next couple of hours, the children did their homework, da read the paper and Ma mended the families' clothes.

"Off to bed, the lot of you," said Ma, gathering up her sewing basket. "Your Da will be right in to tell you a story."

In the bedroom they all shared, Sonny and Georgie turned their backs to the girls to change into their night shirts. The girls, after undressing under the blankets, climbed out wearing long nightgowns.

Helen went to Georgie and poked his shoulder. "I saw you give Sonny a smack when we came in this evening." "What's it to you?" Georgie poked Helen back.

As they argued, Sonny climbed onto his side of the bed. He hoped the fighting would stop before Da came in.

"I'm only trying to toughen him up some," Georgie said, slipping under the covers next to Sonny. He stole Sonny's pillow, stuck it under his head and pulled the covers under his chin.

"Georgie!" cried Helen.

"Sonny, don't let him have your pillow!" shouted Sis.

Sonny kept his voice low. "I don't mind." But inside, Sonny's belly churned. Someday he'd get even with Georgie. And he wouldn't need help from any girls.

Da knocked twice on the door, a signal to the girls he was coming in. When he'd sat on the girls' bed, pulled up their covers and smoothed their hair, he asked, "What tale should I tell tonight?"

"'My Grandfather's Horse'," suggested Sonny. He knew it was his father's favorite.

"No, Da told us that one last night," Georgie reminded him.

"I'd like to hear 'Rapunzel'," said Sis.

"I don't know why you're all going on this way when you know it's Helen's turn to pick," said Da.

"I choose 'The Old Man and the Wind'."

"'The Old Irishman and the Wind,'" corrected Sis.

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The Time of Your Life

by Mary Ann Earلمان

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The Time of Your Life

by Mary Ann Earlman

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So let's hear it for the workers who spent months
on renovations
And the parties who assisted in bringing us this
sensation.

*Poem by Mary Ann Earlman
in celebration of the Willow Hall renovation.*

Sonny

By Doris Donnelly James

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"Now, who's telling this tale?" asked Da.

The children snuggled a little deeper beneath the covers. Da began: "There once was a very foolish Irishman..."

"Is there any other kind?" whispered Sis.

Georgie's loud laugh stopped short with one look from Da, who began again:

"There was once a very foolish Irishman who left his home for church one cold, windy, Sunday morn. It was colder than he'd ever known it. The wind was blowing harder than he'd ever felt it. The old man pulled his collar up around his neck and tied his scarf a little tighter. He lowered his head and began to pray: 'Dear God, I know I'm just a poor Irishman, and I'm willing to fight this terrible wind all the way to church. But please, on my way home, could you turn the wind 'round?' The old man said the prayer over and over all the way to church. And during Mass, he interrupted his usual prayers to ask again that the wind be turned around. When Mass was over, he shuffled to the back of the church, blessed himself with Holy Water and pushed open the heavy wooden door. And what do you think? A miracle! God had turned the wind around. So now it blew in the opposite direction from the way it had on the way to church. It blew in the old man's face all the long way home."

"No matter how many times you tell us that tale," said Helen, "I always think the same thing. Be careful what you pray for, it might come true." "Not me," said Sis. "I always wish the old man would just get himself to church and not pray at all. Then the wind would be at his back on the way home."

"I'd pray the wind was always at my back," said Sonny.

Da tilted his head to one side. "Good-night, children. And don't forget your prayers. My old Da always said the Lord listens harder when a child prays."



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